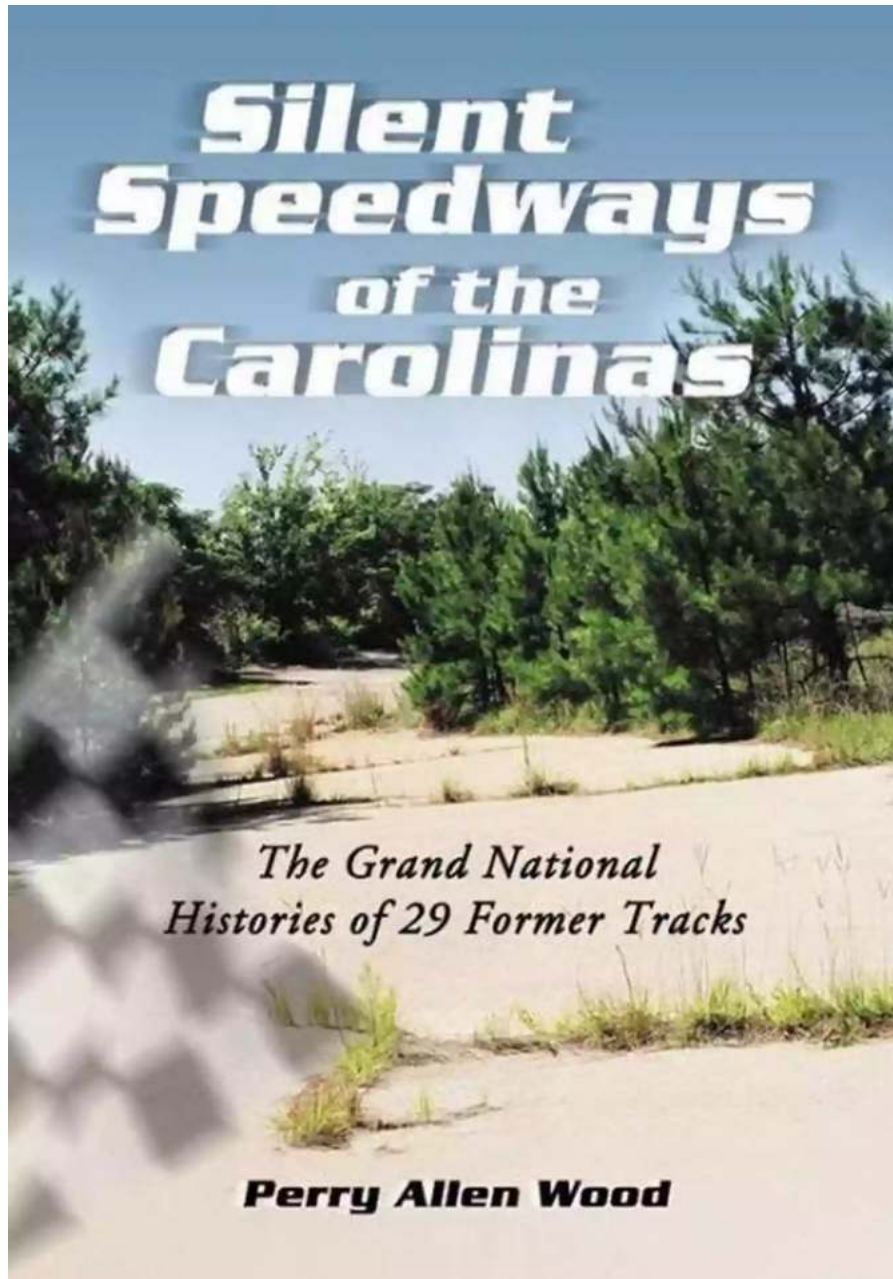


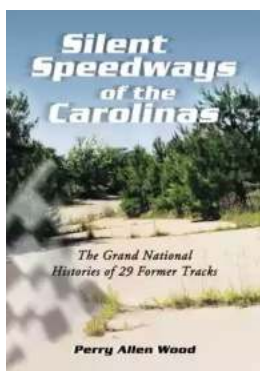
# The Grand National Histories Of 29 Former Tracks



The Grand National, one of the most prestigious horse racing events in the world, has a long and storied history. Throughout the years, numerous racecourses have had the privilege of hosting this iconic event. While some have remained,

many tracks have become a part of history, leaving behind tales of triumph, suspense, and unforgettable moments.

## 1. The Great Sandown Park Racecourse



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The Great Sandown Park Racecourse, located in Surrey, England, hosted the Grand National between 1870 and 1880. Its undulating terrain and challenging fences made it one of the toughest tracks on which the horses had to compete.

## **2. The Hallowed Grounds of Aintree**



Aintree racecourse, situated near Liverpool, holds a special place in the history of the Grand National. Since 1839, this legendary venue has been the permanent home of the Grand National. It has seen countless record-breaking performances and remarkable comebacks that have etched their names in racing folklore.

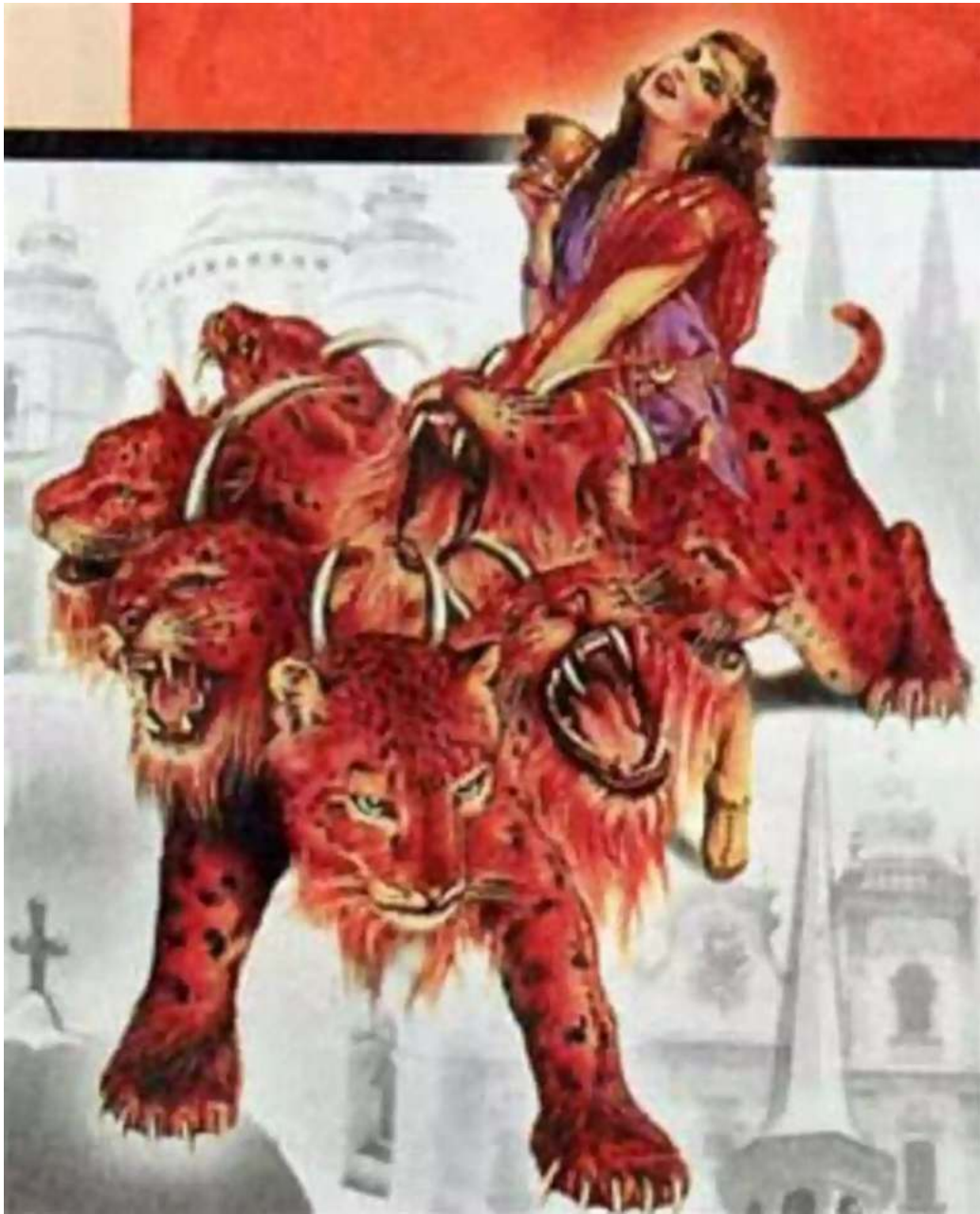
## **3. The Thrilling Prestbury Park**





Prestbury Park, located in Cheltenham, was the venue for the Grand National from 1831 to 1838. Known for its unforgiving fences, this track tested the courage and abilities of both the horse and rider. The stories of champion racehorses and unexpected victors continue to echo through the annals of racing history.

#### **4. The Beloved Epsom Downs**

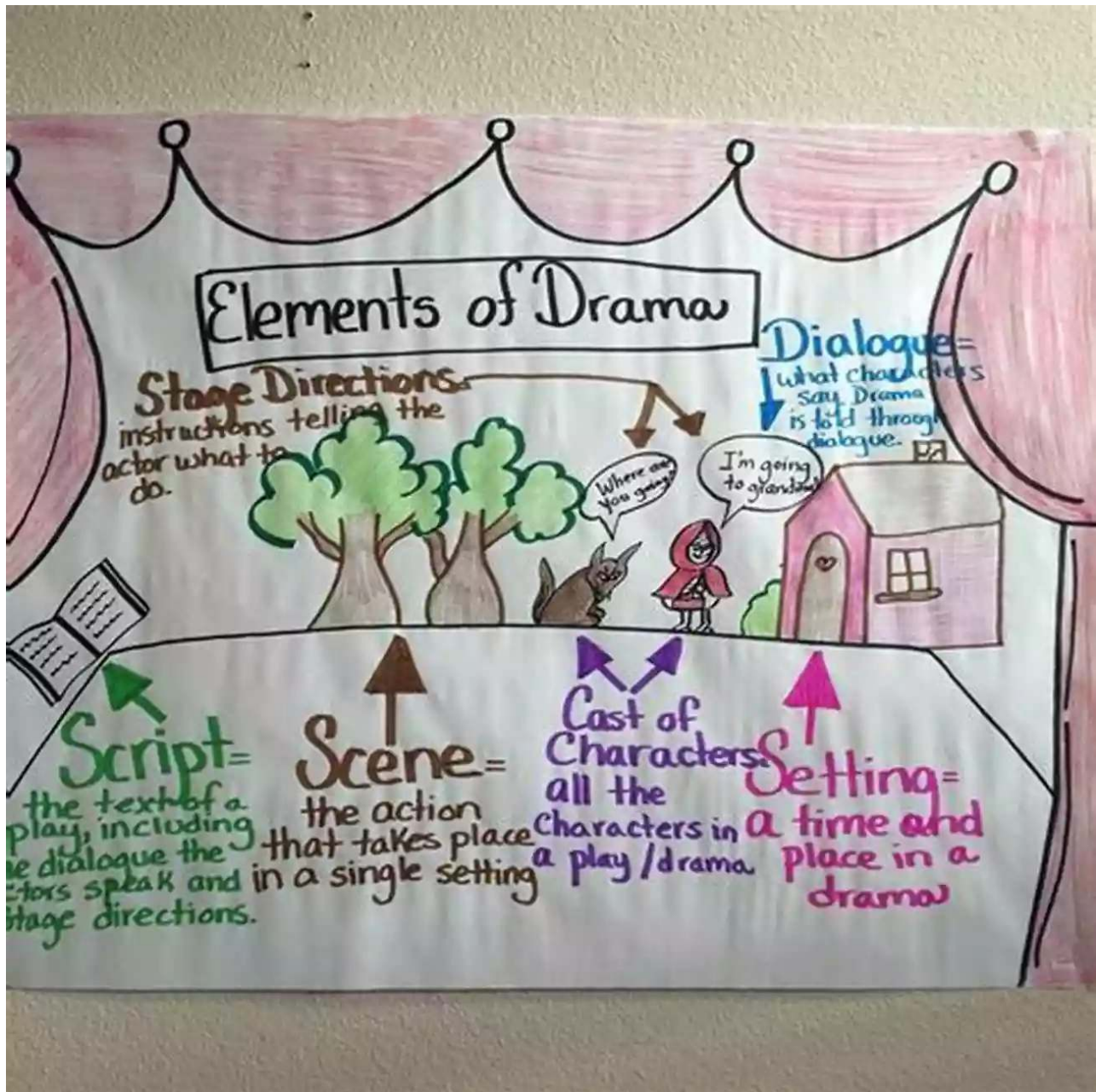


Epsom Downs, in Surrey, hosted the Grand National on three occasions in the mid-19th century. It is known for its challenging course layout and its infamous Tattenham Corner, a pivotal point in the race where horses must maneuver skillfully to secure a winning position.

The Grand National histories of these 29 former tracks remind us of the enduring legacy of this iconic race. Each track has left an indelible mark on the event,

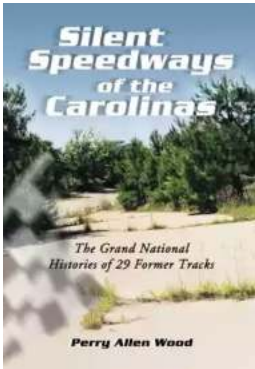


showcasing thrilling moments of triumph and heartbreak that have captivated generations of racing fans. As we eagerly anticipate the future of the Grand National, let us not forget the cherished memories created on these hallowed grounds.



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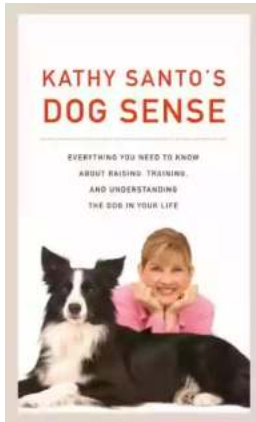
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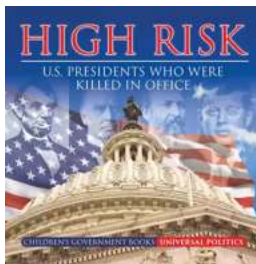


NASCAR held its first Strictly Stock race in Charlotte on June 19, 1949, and, in the following decades, dozens of large and small tracks throughout the Carolinas were home to a major NASCAR event. Called Grand National from 1950-1970, NASCAR's top circuit became the Winston Cup in 1971, and most of the dirt and small tracks were subsequently gutted from the schedule. Although a handful of those speedways tenuously held on through exploding popularity, and an influx of big corporate dollars, the transition to metropolitan markets and super speedways was inevitable. Some of the original tracks, like the North Wilkesboro Motor Speedway, still stand testament to the sport's not-too-distant past. Others, like the Charlotte Speedway, are long gone, leaving only memories and photographs. This is the story of every racetrack in North and South Carolina that held at least one big-time race through 1971, but is no longer used for auto racing. Seven are one-race wonders, while others are as much racing legends as the sport's past champions. Chapters cover each track's big time history, from early background through its racing years to its current status. Included are the thrilling tales of the personalities and machines that shaped NASCAR's early days. Statistics chart every track's past winners, records, and wins by make. The 151 photographs give the reader a virtual tour of speedways that are often inaccessible or nonexistent.



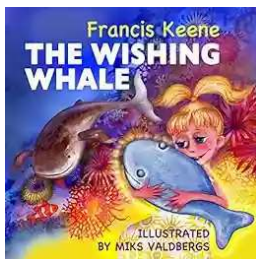
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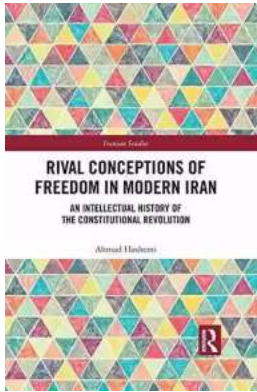
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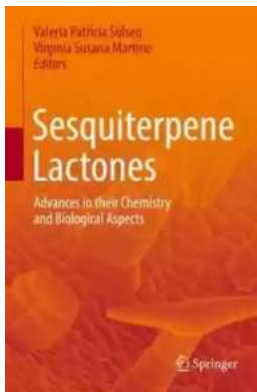
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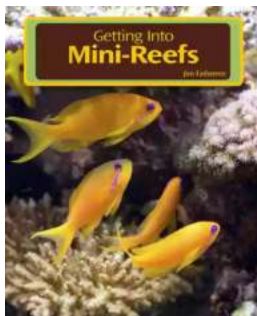
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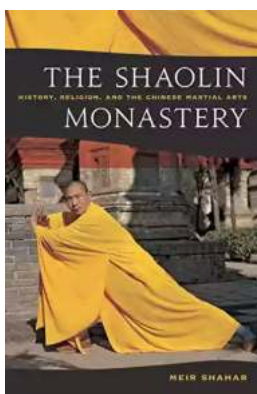
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